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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, I am forwarding the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) Administrative Amendment No. 8, which makes technical adjustments to their 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). MCTC has submitted adjustments to the following projects: increase Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding and decrease local funding for a project to purchase one street sweeper, and a correction to the wording in the note portion of a Section 5307 project. These actions are consistent with the administrative amendment procedures.

MCTC also submitted an adjustment to a CMAQ project for the purchase of video/teleconferencing equipment. This project was previously disapproved for CMAQ funds. MCTC was noticed of this action in the Department's transmittal of MCTC Formal Amendment No. 5 dated May 3, 2005. In addition, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) excluded that project from their approval of Formal Amendment No. 5. Therefore, the requested change for this project is not approved. It is recommended that MCTC delete this project from the 2004 FTIP to preclude additional confusion regarding the project status.

The two projects approved for technical adjustments do not require a re-determination of the air quality conformity analysis. The Section 5307 project is exempt from conformity per Code of Federal Regulations Title 40 Section 93.126. The change to the CMAQ project that increases funding to purchase a street sweeper does not reflect a change in the design concept and scope of the project or the conformity analysis years as assumed for the regional emissions analysis of the currently conforming Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. This amendment does not affect timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures or financial constraints.

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These changes are included and submitted by MCTC through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.

Since administrative amendments do not require Federal Highway Administration and/or Federal Transit Administration approval, this FTIP amendment has been amended into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Please address any questions on this FSTIP amendment to Penny Gray of my staff at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rachel Falsetti".

Rachel Falsetti, Chief
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Enclosure

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